



# PRINTS

## November 2022

### Westridge Elementary Mission Statement:

**In an effort to create life-long learners, the staff at Westridge Elementary School working closely with parents and community strives to realize each child's fullest potential in the areas of personal, social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development.**

Dear Westridge Families,

It is hard to believe that it will be November in just a few short days. November is the month of giving thanks. I know that I am very thankful for our Westridge community. I am thankful for the amazing students that I get to see grow and learn every day. I am thankful for the support of our parents and families. Whether it is raising money for the walk-a-thon or providing dinner and desserts for the staff, our families always come through for us in a big way. I am also thankful for our talented staff. Everyday, they do great work to ensure that students are learning and reaching their full potential. All of you make Westridge Elementary a great place to be. Thank you all for making this a special place.

If you are missing any jackets, sweatshirts, or coats, please have your child check the lost and found. We have collected a lot of items. Families are also welcome to come in and take a look during the day to find those missing items.

This year we have three days of no school for Thanksgiving break. There will not be school on Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25. This was a change to the calendar that was made a few years ago. Please be sure that you have that change marked on your calendars.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 402-289-2559 or email me at [rbroshar@epsne.org](mailto:rbroshar@epsne.org).

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Broshar  
Principal  
Westridge Elementary

[TUESDAY] **Nov 1**

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM

[THURSDAY] **Nov 3**

Westridge Spelling Bee (Grades 3-5)

[THURSDAY] **Nov 10**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Concerts

[THURSDAY] **Nov 17**

District Spelling Bee

[WED-FRI] **Nov 23-25**

No School- Thanksgiving Break

[WEDNESDAY] **Dec 21**

Winter Break Starts

[WEDNESDAY] **Jan 4**

School Resumes



### SCHOOL LUNCH

EPS partners with SchoolPay for student lunch accounts. To add funds, go to [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com) and log into your user account. If you do not yet have a SchoolPay account, [instructions to create one can be found by clicking here](#). You will need your child's five digit student ID code to set up the account.



Breakfast is served everyday starting at 7:35. All students are welcome to join us for breakfast and do not need to order ahead of time. Please drop students off at door #3.

### Recess & Lunch Times

Grade	Lunch	Recess
Kindergarten	10:45-11:05	11:10-11:30
First Grade	11:15-11:35	11:40-12:00
Second Grade	11:30-11:50	11:55-12:15
Third Grade	11:45-12:05	12:10-12:30
Fourth Grade	12:00-12:20	12:25-12:45
Fifth Grade	12:15-12:35	12:40-1:00

You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.



<https://www.elkhornweb.org/westridge/>



<https://facebook.com/ElkhornPSWR/>



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# PAW PRINTS

## We're Hiring!

EPS is currently seeking to fill open teacher assistant positions, specifically in the following areas:

- *Secondary TAs*: assist with general and special education students in grades 6-12 in the areas of small and large group academic work, academic interventions, student supervision, and basic clerical duties.
  - Starting Wage: \$16.20/hour
  - Apply online at <https://bit.ly/secondaryTA>
- *High School English Learner TAs*: assist students in grades 9-12 who have limited English proficiency by providing EL services under the direction of a certified regular education teacher.
  - Starting Wage: \$16.75/hour
  - Apply online at <https://bit.ly/EL-TA>

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### **ESHS PRESENTS "RADIUM GIRLS"**

OCTOBER 28-30

FRIDAY-SATURDAY: 7:00 PM

SUNDAY: 2:00 PM AND 6:00 PM

ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSION: \$10/ADULT; \$5/STUDENT

ONLINE TICKETS AT [HTTPS://WWW.SHOWTIX4U.COM/EVENTS/637](https://www.showtix4u.com/events/637)

## **HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT**



### **ESHS FALL CRAFT FAIR**

OCTOBER 29

ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ADMISSION: \$3 (SUPPORTS ESHS GIRLS BASKETBALL)

### **EHS CHEER AND DANCE SHOWCASE**

OCTOBER 30

ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ADMISSION: \$10 CASH OR CHECK AT DOOR

### **EHS FALL CRAFT FAIR**

NOVEMBER 19

ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ADMISSION: \$3 (SUPPORTS EHS TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY)

### **ENHS PRESENTS "LEGALLY BLONDE" THE MUSICAL**

NOVEMBER 10-13

THURSDAY-SATURDAY: 7:00 PM

SUNDAY: 2:00 PM

ELKHORN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSION: \$15/ADULT; \$10/STUDENT

### **EHS DANCE TEAM JUNIOR CLINIC**

DECEMBER 3

ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL

2:00 - 5:30 PM

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8

REGISTRATION: [HTTP://BIT.LY/3RS5TTA](http://bit.ly/3RS5TTA)



### ***Note from the Nurse...***

As the cold and flu season begins, please continue to make sure that your children are practicing healthy habits like getting plenty of rest, eating healthy foods, [hand washing/sanitizing](#), and staying up to date with your immunizations (*including a seasonal flu vaccine.*). Students with a temperature greater than 100.0, diarrhea, vomiting, undiagnosed skin rash, pink eye, and live head lice must be free of these conditions for at least 24 hours before returning to school per district policy.

### ***-Health Screens-***

Health screens in the areas of height/weight, dental, hearing, and vision have been completed in most of the schools in the district with a few schools who will be finishing up the first half of November. Parents will be notified of abnormal results by a referral letter. ***If you receive a referral letter, please visit the applicable health care provider and return the bottom part of the form to the office.***

**Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who have helped us with this process!**

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

***Amy Laughlin-Hardick, RN, BSN***

alaughlinhardick@epsne.org

Westridge PTO October meeting minutes  
Tuesday, October 4th, 2022  
Westridge Library  
Start 6:33pm

President call to order, second-Christina Griffin

Board introduction  
President-Jessica Loontjer  
Secretary-Megan Cain  
Vice President-Nicole Everingham  
Treasurer-Erica Henderson (not in attendance)

Introduction of all attendees

September minutes approval-Christina Griffin, second-Alex Lucier

### **Principal's Report:**

#### **Mr Broshar**

- Health screenings are this Friday October 7th
  - Still need more volunteers, contact Andrea or Mr Broshar
  - Sign up link was sent out
- Picture retakes are Wednesday, October 19th
- No school Friday, October 21st (teacher inservice)
- Author visit-Thursday, October 27th
  - Can order a book for her to autograph
- Halloween parties will be Friday October 28th
  - Whole school assembly if we meet our Walk-a-thon goal
  - PTO provides snacks for all students
  - Costume parade will be at 2:30 outside
    - Will move inside the hallways weather dependent
    - Parents can come watch
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### **President's Report:**

#### **Jess Loontjer**

- Outdoor Ed for 5th grade this Friday October 7th
  - PTO providing pizza
  - Will need to make this a line item in the budget for next year as costs go up

### **Vice President's Report:**

#### **Nicole Everingham**

- Goal meeting is next week so will have more to share at November meeting
- Bids for Kids is this Thursday, October 6th
  - Do not need a ticket to bid on auction items online
    - Elkhorn Public Schools website
  - Bidding open until 8pm Thursday October 6th
- Butterbraid fundraiser will kick off the 3rd week in November (will have samples at November meeting!)

- Due after Thanksgiving
- Will get orders in before Christmas
- Prices have increased to \$15 per item
  - If we sell more than 250 items we get \$6 per item profit
  - If we sell less than 250 items we get \$5 per item profit

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Erica Henderson**

- Apparel will be in by end of the week
  - Delivery next week
- We received a check for \$992.80 from Ci shirts for apparel sales-that is AMAZING!!
  - Thank you to everyone for ordering
  - Ci is running behind but we should have order out next week
  - Check social media for updates
- We recieved \$255 in Venmo donation for staff meal for conferences which covered 72.8% of our total so again a HUGE THANK YOU!
- We have deposited \$2400 in sponsorship donations for walk-a-thon
  - 2 more checks on the way
  - Thank you to all of the sponsors
- Withdrawals
  - Classroom support checks
  - Annual A to Z Connect Directory \$300 (\$100 less than budgeted for)
  - Super Reader prized for Mrs Albritton from Amazon
    - New items-scrunchies, fun pencils, flashlights, fidget spinners, slap bracelets
    - Amazon smile kickback so its a win-win!

## **Committee Reports:**

- Conference meal was a success
  - Thank you to everyone that donated or brought desserts
  - Staff was VERY appreciative
- Restaurant nights
  - Double Zero was successful-will get check soon
  - Jimmy Johns night is Thursday October 20th
    - Will get 20% of profits for the evening
- Walk-a-thon-Megan Cain
  - \$3,600 in donations so far
  - 28% of student body has registered
    - 16% of that have donations
  - 95 webpage shares
  - Donations from 12 states and 2 from Canada
  - Really push registration and sharing the donation link
  - Class incentives
    - Class raises \$250: SILLY SOCK DAY-
      - 7 classes have met
    - Class raises \$500: HAT DAY
    - Class raises \$1,000: MISMATCH DAY
    - Class raises \$2,500: EXTRA RECESS WITH A SNACK
  - Whole school incentives

- Whole School raises \$5,000: WILDCAT RED OUT SPIRIT DAY
- Whole School raises \$10,000: ALL SCHOOL PAJAMA DAY
- Whole School raises \$15,000: MR. BROSHAR AND YOUR VOTED TEACHERS GET A PIE IN THE FACE
- Event
  - Friday, October 14th
    - Classes will have an hour to go to event
    - Snacks
    - Everyone will get a t-shirt
      - Will have by next Wednesday to hand out Friday
  - Event
    - 4 stations
      - Chalk/class pictures
      - Bounce houses
      - Kennedy Fitness
      - Relay Races
    - Volunteers Needed
      - 9:15-11:30
        - 3 people
      - 11:45-3:00
        - 3 people
      - Snack delivery
        - Jess
      - Will provide lunch
      - Please contact Megan Cain if you would like to volunteer
        - [mlhedberg2@gmail.com](mailto:mlhedberg2@gmail.com)
        - 402-686-0618

### **New Business**

1. Tori Colwin requested \$228 to cover tickets for the 3rd grade field trip to the Nutcracker
  - Motion to approve Hailee Koltis, second-Alex Lucier
  - PTO approves \$228 for 3rd grade field trip
2. Mallory Lantzer requested \$200 to help cover expenses for Math Night
  - January 26th
    - Math activities for all levels
    - Theme, decorations, snack
  - Motion to approve Christina Griffin, second-Alex Lucier
  - PTO approves \$200 for Math Night expenses
3. EKC trunk or treat is this Saturday October 8th
4. Review Data (Mr. Broshar) (occurred after meeting closed)– The School Improvement Process (SIP) Team meets and goes through data and action plans once a month to talk and discuss action steps. The data collected helps to show our stakeholders what we do as a building to get better year after year. The Data Dashboard has parent survey information as well as academic data where information is housed. We dig through this data and then create action plans using the following 4 strategies:
  1. Deliver Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum

2. Continuously Improve Instruction (using Elkhorn Instructional Model Reflection Tool)
3. Conduct Ongoing & Systematic Review of Student Progress
4. Provide Intervention & Enrichment to Assure High Levels of Learning
1. The School Improvement Fit is set by the district and reviewed every 5 years. All of this data, information and implementation is talked about with staff during our in-service meetings. The Program Data is where we critique ourselves, set learning goals and see our Ratio of Interaction. The Academic Data includes MAP Testing where we focus mostly on reading, writing and math. While we also test in science, we don't stress it as much and our data reflects this. In looking at this data we see that our math growth has gone up over the last 4 years and has caught up to our reading levels (without pulling our reading levels down) which is great to see! Our MAP testing District Average is very high, the top in Nebraska. Looking at our reading and math comparisons for many grade levels, we saw that our mean was higher than both the District and National levels at both the beginning and the end of the year. MAP testing gives us comparative data throughout a number of years and at 3 times throughout the year. Seeing these numbers and graphs and the growth the students have made gives everyone in our building a great feeling!

Motion to close meeting-Hailee Koltis

Second-Alex Lucier

End 7:23pm